

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-384-W/S - ORDER NO. 2008-12

JANUARY 15, 2008

IN RE:	Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	ORDER APPROVING
	for Approval of a Contract with Ashworth)	CONTRACT AND
	Development Company and Hitchens)	GRANTING
	Development Company d/b/a Heron Cove)	ADMINISTRATIVE
	Joint Venture to serve Evergreen Subdivision)	RELIEF

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. (“CWS” or “Applicant”) for approval of a contract with Ashworth Development Company and Hitchens Development Company d/b/a Heron Cove Joint Venture (“Heron Cove” or “the Developer”) to provide water and sewer services to the proposed Evergreen Subdivision development in York County. The contract is dated October 8, 2007.

The new development will consist of approximately sixty (60) single family residences. The contract provides, *inter alia*, that the Developer will construct all of the necessary water and sewer facilities required to connect the proposed development to CWS’s River Hills System, acquire all necessary easements and rights-of-way, and convey such facilities and easements to CWS. Performance of the Agreement is conditioned upon its approval by this Commission. According to the Application, the proposed development is within the Company’s authorized service area in York County. Accordingly, no other public or governmental utility is authorized to serve the proposed

development.

Upon satisfaction of all terms and conditions of the Agreement, CWS has agreed to reserve adequate utility capacity for up to sixty (60) water and fifty-five (55) wastewater connections located within the property. CWS submits that this provision is warranted and in the public interest as it ensures that the Developer will pay for capacity in advance, thereby allowing CWS to adequately engage in planning for operations. CWS submits that the public convenience and necessity will be served by the approval of this Agreement, and that no hearing in this matter is required.

We would note that this matter was noticed, pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department and that no Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. By letter dated January 2, 2008, the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) notified that it had reviewed the contract and that it had no objections to its approval. We agree that no hearing is required in the matter.

After due reflection, we approve the Application and the contract. The proposed development to be served is in the service territory of CWS, and no other public or governmental utility is currently authorized to serve the proposed development. The contract is in the public interest for the reasons stated above. There is no opposition to our approval of this contract.

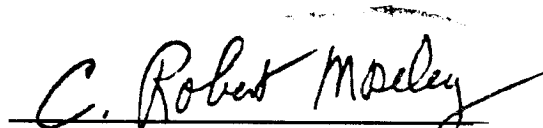
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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